

**J. L. Guerin in Pacific Area With Seabees**

Joseph L. Guerin, shipfitter, second class, USNR, 21137 S. Figueroa, is stationed at an advance base in the Marianas with the Seabees.

Guerin, who is a member of a rock-dynamiting crew, spent 13 years as a plumber and shipfitter in and around Houston, Tex., before entering the Navy in 1943.

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**Wilbur Franklin Tells of His Many Experiences in India, Flying Hump**

A letter from Wilbur Franklin to his former employer, T. S. Lovelady of Torrance Feed and Fuel, 1963 Carson st., gives highlights of his experiences en route to his China base. The serviceman is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Franklin of Arlington ave.

"I'm now over in China after flying the famous 'Hump.' Once, earlier in the war — away back there when things looked pretty dark for this section of the world — a trip over that great rock pile was a real danger. It's no 'Sunday afternoon drive' yet by a long ways, but I guess when I made it God had me by the seat of the trousers and sorta tossed me over as you would toss a sack of scratch onto your Dodge truck.

"En route here I rode grimy, dirty Indian trains and slept on the hard wooden seats with rain pouring through the roof into my face until I was sick of the whole thing.

"My impressions of India include memories of the large, beautiful tea plantations in contrast to the overwhelming poverty beyond imagination — riches too, the many freaks, fakirs, beggars and thieves. Often confronting us were thousands of Indians, young and old who lined the tracks begging for any little thing one might give away.

"The heat was terrific. Reminded me of those few hot days we had in Torrance that September when I first hauled feed for you, only the humidity was worse. I went around all day long with my clothes sopping with sweat. In the tent area we all wore just shorts. I guess I drank a couple of gallons of water daily and sweated it out just as fast as I drank it.

"After going hungry and thirsty at times we pulled into another stop on a many-legged journey to get me here — taking three times as many days to make that one trip between two posts as was ordinarily necessary. Finally, from an undisclosable spot I took that little jaunt by air to this section of the 'romantic' east. So far I haven't found things too bad — I still breathe — the food could be better and my mail could be straightened out.

"The Indian is a strange but friendly character. Most of those I saw or had anything to do with, were the very poor, or 'untouchables.' This post where I waited for weeks for my final assignment hired a great number of the Indians, Hindus, Moslems and those of the many other religious sects. I do believe that they are the world's worst workers, and they really know how to take Uncle Sam for that 30 cents a day, or so, that they get. Over a certain number of them would be placed an Indian who seemed to know a little more than the few cuss words the soldiers have taught them. He was the 'boss man' and served under a G. I. who had to watch the whole bunch to keep them from slipping off and hiding in an empty tent for an afternoon snooze. I had often heard how they inherit from birth a certain type of occupation such as their forefathers had been doing generations ago but I never thought much about it. Once you see such a thing, you fully realize how it hampers their whole progress. Of course, I don't think it holds true among the very poor as among the more well-to-do — those who are touchable, if there is such a creature. The poor have to live some way so they seem to branch out more. Yet, I saw boys working at the mess halls who were water carriers and would do nothing else. And boys who were sweepers and wouldn't think of washing a pan or dish. To have done so would, no doubt, placed a blot upon their souls for eternity.

"Any inflation you may have dreamed up is topped by the situation here. A dollar in American money is worth \$1000 here. It takes a basket to carry change for an American \$5 bill! How would you like to pay \$3000 for a meal — or maybe \$400 for a dish of ice cream? A hair-cut costs \$50!"

**Former Worker For Birchler On Escort Ship**

Howard C. Wiechman, 18, Culver City, has advanced to radioman, 3/c, USNR, aboard a destroyer escort of the Atlantic Fleet.

Wiechman is married to the former Wilma Curry of Denison, Texas. He is the son of Mrs. Irene B. Wiechman, Culver City. He has two brothers, Sgt. Clarence S., discharged from the Army Air Forces, and Arthur F., a baker, 2/c, in the Navy.

Before entering the Navy, Wiechman was employed by the Birchler Van and Storage Co., of Lomita. He attended San Fernando High school, and Alexander Hamilton High school, Los Angeles.

**ON BRIEF VISIT**  
Lt. Col. W. J. Harrison was in Torrance Friday for a brief visit. He is stationed at Santa Ana Redistribution Center where he was transferred from Santa Clara Army Air Field Regional Hospital.

**Watch Food Kept Under Refrigeration**

Poisoning of 20 persons last week by eating food not kept under proper refrigeration elicited a warning from Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, assistant Los Angeles County health officer, regarding proper care of left-over foods and creamed dishes.

Bacteria in left-over foods and creamed pies kept at a temperature of 96 degrees, which is the temperature of many kitchens and delivery wagons, multiply twice every 15 minutes, laboratory reports show. This would mean that a possible bacterial count of two in a chocolate éclair on a pot of stew kept under these conditions could increase to 3,000,000 in seven hours, the doctor said.

Re-heating the food will not kill this type of toxin, he pointed out, and cleanliness in handling food and proper storage should be watched carefully during hot weather.

**Horseback Rider Killed By Automobile**

Romano Nevaretti, 75, died in General Hospital Sunday night after he was struck earlier by an auto while crossing the street on horseback in front of his home at 24327 S. Main st., Torrance. Driver of the car, Wilfred J. Tyhurst, 136 Sunset st., Long Beach, was not held.

**JUDGING EGGS**  
If the shell of an egg is chalky and rough in appearance, it's fresh, whereas old eggs are smooth and shiny.

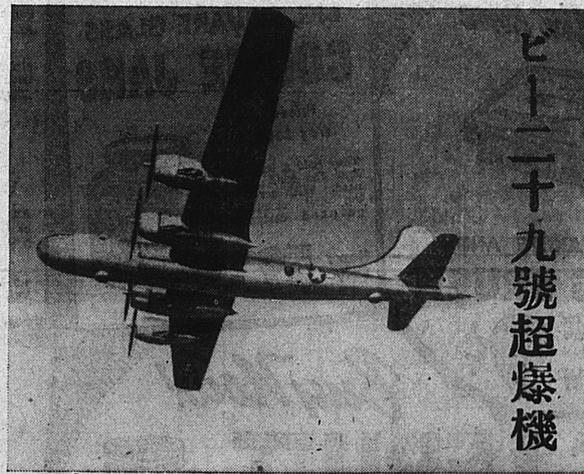
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**Captured evidence reveals that the Japs knew the story six months before most Americans knew it existed**



In far-away Burma, early in 1944—long before the B-29 became front-page news at home—long before our own forces in China and in India were notified to expect this great super-bomber—came news of its existence—uncomfortably accurate technical description—positive facts as to proposed bases... from the JAPS. It was all in an official bulletin of the Japanese Army found among the papers captured in a Jap stronghold in Burma.

This was not information obtained by the enemy through air reconnaissance or the capture of prisoners or official documents in combat—it was a leak of supersecret information right out of this country, transmitted directly to the High Command in Tokyo.

What did Tokyo do with this information? What action did they take?

What did it mean to our Chinese allies and our own troops? It is significant that shortly after they obtained this information the Japs mounted a new offensive in China and set out to capture the specially constructed air fields built by hand by the Chinese people for the heavy B-29s. Months of laborious, back-breaking labor of thousands of Chinese workers were sacrificed by demolition in a heart-breaking few hours in the retreat before the onslaught of the attacking Japanese. Stores of precious gasoline—parts—and other scarce hard-to-get stores flown at great risk over the famous "Hump" were put to the torch. A terrific set-back—an almost unendurable discouragement.

**We must keep our secrets. The best way is to keep quiet.**

**LOOSE TALK DOES REACH TOKYO LET'S STOP IT!**

**Don't Talk or Write about:**

- 1 Locations or movements of men, ships, and materials within, to, or from the Pacific-Asiatic area.
- 2 New weapons.
- 3 Military information gained in confidence.

**AS WE CLOSE IN FOR THE KNOCKOUT—**

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